crores and for Villupram is for Rs. 9.372 crores. The State government has planned to implement the projects from 2005-06.

World Bank conditions for irrigation projects

2926. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA.
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank has imposed certain conditions before financing irrigation projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the reaction of Government thereon;

(d) the details of the irrigation projects pending for want of money;

(e) whether it is also a fact that 22.5 per cent Central Budget was allotted for irrigation projects during the first Five Year Plan but only 6.5 per cent has been reserved during the current Five Year Plan, and if so, the reasons for decreasing the allocation; and

(f) the measures taken by Government to provide water to maximum irrigated area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) No, Sir. However, in the publication titled 'Country Strategy for India' of the World Bank, guidelines for Bank lending in key sectors including irrigation and drainage have been outlined.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) There are 169 major and 219 medium irrigation projects in the country which have spilled over to Tenth Plan from different plans due to various reasons including thin spreading of resources.

(e) and (f) Considering the Plan outlays for both the Central and State sectors, the irrigation investment is declining from 22.5 per cent in First Plan to 6.45 per cent in Tenth Plan. However, considering the State Sector

Plan investments, the percentages in the previous Plan periods from Fifth Plan to X Plan are as under:

Five Plan	23.25
Six Plan	20.85
Seven Plan	11.85
Einght Plan	18.48
Nine Plan	16.55
Tenth Plan	15.59

The main reason for declining investments in irrigation is competing demands from other social sectors. Water being a State subject, the planning, execution, funding, operation and maintenance of irrigation projects are primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However with a view to expedite completion of projects and bring more area under irrigation, Government of India has launched the Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP). Under the programme, financial assistance in the form of Central loan and grant is being extended to State Governments to help them complete the ongoing irrigation projects in a time bound manner so that the benefits could accrue at the earliest. Further, a scheme on "Repair, Renovation and Restoration of water bodies directly linked to Agriculture" has also been recently taken up by the Ministry of Water Resources.

Action plan for scientific water management of Brahmputra River

2927. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state·

(a) whether Government have formulated any National Action Plan for scientific water management survey of Brahmputra river with the help of World Bank;

(b) if so, the present status of the Action Plan; and

(c) the details of effective measures taken or proposed to be taken for implementation of the said plan?